GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF PETROL PUMPS BY IOCL IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have directed Indian Oil Corporation to set up petrol pumps in some coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and time by which these are to be set up;

(c) whether the districts of East Godaveri, Vaskhapatnam and West Godaveri have been chosen by IOC to set up petrol and diesel outlets without any planning or market considerations; and

(d) if so, the full details of the commercial activity of IOC in response to the directives from the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. However, consequent upon the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the selection of dealers/distributors for retail outlets (petrol pumps), SKO-LDO dealerships and LPG distributorships at different locations in the country, will be made by the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) themselves as per the guidelines to be adopted by them.